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Application No.: Ming NIEN

In Re Application of: 10/683,696

Filed: October 14, 2003

For: CORD MEMBER SAFETY CONNECTOR FOR WINDOW BLIND

Examiner: David M. PUROL

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Atty.'s Docket: NIEN=31

Washington, D.C.

Date: September 14, 2004

OR

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Mail Stop Amendment Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir

Transmitted herewith is a [] Amendment [XX] REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS in the above-identified application. [] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27. [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. [XX] No additional fee is required. [] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2004, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.